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U.S. Patent No. 6,058,763 to Shedd, et al. discloses an apparatus and method for automated biomonitoring of water quality.

U.S. Patent No. 5,660,142 to Rijn discloses water quality control in fish ponds.

U.S. Patent No. 5,353,745 to Fahs, II discloses aquaculture system and methods for using the same.

U.S. Patent No. 5,140,855 to Gruber discloses monitoring tank modules and array for use with biological sensors.

U.S. Patent No. 4,723,511 to Solman, et al. discloses continuous monitoring of water quality.

Publication by Poxton entitled "Water quality fluctuations and monitoring in intensive fish culture", Aquaculture and the Environment, (1991) (Abstract only).

Publication by Anderaa entitled "Monitoring Instruments for Aquaculture", Sea Technology, (1986) (Abstract only).

Early passage of the subject application to issue is earnestly solicited.

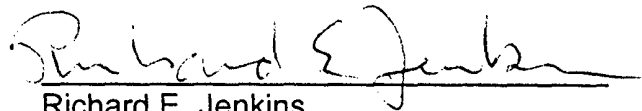
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